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The meeting was called to order at 3.50 p.m.

Agenda item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council *(continued)*

Draft resolution on the report of the Committee on Development Planning (A/C.2/52/L.28)

1. **Mr. Kamando** (United Republic of Tanzania), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.28 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, proposed that the fourth preambular paragraph should be replaced by the following text: "*Noting also* the development of the vulnerability index in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/183 of 16 December 1996, and stressing that the Committee on Development Planning should take fully into account this index in evaluating the status of the least developed countries,". He expressed the hope that the Committee would adopt the revised draft resolution by consensus.

Agenda item 97: Sustainable development and international economic cooperation *(continued)*

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty *(continued)*

Draft resolution on the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (A/C.2/52/L.30)

2. **Mr. Mwakapugi** (United Republic of Tanzania) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.30 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and expressed the hope that the Committee would adopt it by consensus.

(h) Human resources development *(continued)*

Draft resolution on developing human resources for development (A/C.2/52/L.31)

3. **Mr. Mwakapugi** (United Republic of Tanzania), introducing draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.31 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, expressed the hope that the Committee would adopt it by consensus.

Agenda item 98: Environment and sustainable development *(continued)*

(g) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 *(continued)*

Draft resolution on the implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly on environment and development (A/C.2/52/L.29)

4. **Mr. Kamando** (United Republic of Tanzania) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.29 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and expressed the hope that the Committee would adopt it by consensus.

Agenda item 100: Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research *(continued)*

Draft resolution on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/C.2/52/L.32)

5. **Mr. Selenov** (Secretary of the Committee) said that the word "Member" in the fifth preambular paragraph, as well as in paragraphs 1 and 4 (a) of the draft resolution, should be deleted.

6. **Mr. Mwakapugi** (United Republic of Tanzania) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32 and said that other delegations had also become sponsors of the draft. An effort had been made to include in the draft resolution all those elements of the reports submitted under the item "training and research" which might contribute to reforming the functioning of UNITAR. The draft resolution welcomed, in particular, the successful restructuring of the Institute; renewed its appeal to all Governments and to private institutions to give financial support to the Institute; appealed for an effective division of labour among United Nations training institutions in order to avoid duplication of functions and to ensure an efficient use of resources; welcomed the initiative of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Director to explore the possibility of the Institute becoming an executing agent of the agencies and bodies of the United Nations system. The Secretary-General was also called upon to explore ways and means to provide additional facilities to the Institute for conducting programmes and training courses that were provided at no cost to States.

7. In view of the importance of assigning well-defined responsibilities to the various training and research institutes of the United Nations, the sponsors hoped that the draft resolution would be adopted by consensus.

Other matters

8. **The Chairman** informed members of the Committee that he had received a letter from the President of the General Assembly requesting him to conduct, on the President's behalf as a matter of priority, consultations with

Member States on the date, modalities and focus of the first high-level dialogue for a period of two days to be held by the General Assembly pursuant to its resolution 51/174; such dialogue should focus on the economic and social impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications. He suggested that the initial consultations on that issue should be held on the afternoon of the following day, before the consultations on the draft resolutions submitted.

9. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 4.25 p.m.